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Application of :
Manabu OUMI et al. :
Serial No. 09/581,602 : Group Art Unit - 2653
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FORMING PART OF
RULE 114 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114, applicants preliminarily
amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in
connection with this preliminary amendment; however, should it
be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given
to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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